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1. Soviet troops and equipment at the caserns on Freienwalder Strasse and Tramper Chaussee in Eberswalde. Aircraft count at Finow and Werneuchen airfields.

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The following numbers which were stamped on the barrels of 76-mm guns which had been brought to the Wuensdorf repair shop for repair or overhauling and which had been removed from tanks

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4. A shooting range between Rothenstein and Duerrengeleina; units which were seen there, and security measures.

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There are two caserns occupied with Soviet troops in Eberswalde. The caserns in question are the former artillery casern on Freienwalder Str and the former tank grenadier casern on Tramper Chaussee. There are now armor troops in the casern on Freienwalder Str. There are numerous JS-2 tanks (exact count unknown) there. At the casern on Tramper Chaussee there is a motorized unit. The following are the vehicles: armored personnel carrier [redacted] amphibious jeep, wheeled amphibian, full-tracked amphibious cargo vehicle.

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At the Finow airfield there are numerous trainers, as well as helicopters (HARE, HOUND) and about 30 jets (BEAGLE IL-28). The same aircraft are also at the Werneuchen airfield (but the number of jets stationed here is not known).

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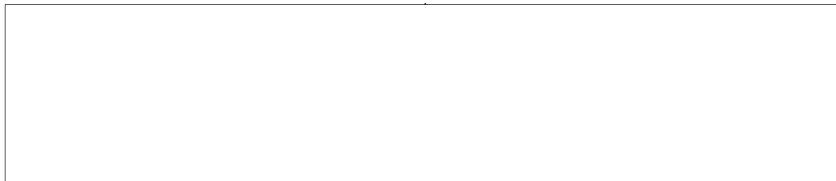
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MUNSDORF and vicinity prior to 18 April 1959



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Highway number 96 through Munsdorf that passes the barracks is closed to cars and pedestrians. Immediately after passing through Zossen in the direction of Munsdorf there is a barrier guarded by Soviet soldiers and VoPo. Only Soviet cars and Germans with special passes may pass through this barrier. Private machines who wish ~~to~~ to go to Munsdorf are routed through Mellensee and Klausdorf.

Part of Munsdorf itself, between the ~~RR~~ line and bordering on Hwy. 96, is surrounded by a fence and is off limits to Germans. Near the station, on Bahnhofstr, in the direction to the Hwy. and the barracks, there is a barrier guarded by Soviet soldiers. ~~only~~ The military and their families are permitted to pass as well as Germans with passes who are employed within this area. Thus all Germans working in the tank repair shop are obliged to pass two control points; one on Bahnhofstr. and the other at the entrance to the shop.

There are several shops on Bahnhofstr. which sell only to Soviet military personnel.

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Rothenstein and Dürrengleina a shooting range (Schießgelände) had been set up about two years ago. It was used by Soviet armored and infantry units. The Soviet armor units regularly come from Jena and always ride via Rothenstein. During the last night (12-13/4/1959) numerous armored units came from Jena

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In the area there is much training and shooting

On such days [military maneuver days] passage of through traffic is not permitted but when there are no training exercises the Soviets allow traffic to pass through the area. (The farmer himself possessed a piece of land in the restricted area which for the past two years he has not been able to use but which he visits from time to time). The Soviet restricted area is popularly called "Bocksberge." As far as is known the area is not fenced. It is² hilly wooded area.

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[east of Dürrengleina] there was a Soviet armor training area (Panzer - Schiessgelände) and that the Soviets only seldom allowed Germans to transit the area when no training exercises were taking place.

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denied the presence of rockets.

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The following may be said in answer to the questions posed:

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numerous warning signs in Rothenstein, Altendorf and Dürrengeleina. They were the same kind of signs that may be seen before Soviet caserns and were written in three languages (English, French, German). The signs forbid foreign military personnel to trespass the area.

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A lightly surfaced road led from Rothenstein to the restricted area. It was in average condition and used by tanks. From Highway 88 passing through Altendorf there is surfaced road (covered with "Schotter" in good condition) which leads into the restricted area. There is no sign of tanks to be seen. No unusual vehicles were seen. No tanks were seen. Other than some guards no troops were seen (apparently tank troops were in the area.)

No tactical signs were observed, only one vehicle, a ZIS truck

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No rocket-like objects were seen. No radar antennas were seen in the area.

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